

## Kindergarten Summer Reading Booklist

**Required Readings: Choose at least one.**

**Most children will not be able to read these books independently. Please feel free to read these selections to your child.**

**\*Do You Want to be my Friend** by Eric Carle  
A mouse searches everywhere for a friend.

**\*A House for Hermit Crab** by Eric Carle  
A hermit crab who has outgrown his old shell moves into a new one, which he decorates and enhances with the various sea creatures he meets in his travels.

**◆The Nutshell Library** by Maurice Sendak  
Four books, one an alphabet book, one around the months of the year, one about a boy who doesn't care about anything and the final a counting book

**Student Choice: Choose at least two.**

### Fiction

**\*School Bus** by Donald Crews  
Follows the progress of school buses as they take children to school and bring them home again.

**What Game Shall We Play?** by Pat Hutchins  
The animals ask each other what game they should play, but only Owl has an answer.

**\*Bunny Cakes** by Rosemary Wells  
Max makes an earthworm cake for Grandma's birthday and helps Ruby with her angel surprise cake. At the store, the grocer can't read all of the shopping list, until Max solves the problem by drawing a picture.

**Each Peach Pear Plum** by Janet Ahlberg  
Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play I spy with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters.

**Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!** by Nancy Carlson  
Even though Henry is looking forward to going to kindergarten, he is not sure about staying once he first gets there.

**\*Corduroy** by Don Freeman  
A teddy bear spends his days waiting in a store for someone to buy him.

**The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn  
When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.

**Kindergarten ABC** by Jacqueline Rogers  
Presents the special activities of a kindergarten class on the day devoted to each letter of the alphabet, from finding acorns outside on A day, to zero more letters and a trip to the zoo on Z day.

**\*Mama Don't Go: Yoko and Friends School Days** by Rosemary Wells  
Yoko won't let Mama leave the classroom until her classmate gives her courage.

## Nonfiction

**\*26 Letters and 99 Cents** by Tana Hoban

Color photographs of letters, numbers, coins, and common objects introduce the alphabet, coinage, and the counting system.

**\*Waiting for Wings** by Lois Ehlert

Simple text and bright pictures show how butterflies use flowers and identify several types of butterflies.

**◆My Very First Mother Goose** by Iona Archibald Opie

Presents more than sixty traditional nursery rhymes, accompanied by illustrations of various animals.

**\*Animals, Animals** by Eric Carle

This illustrated collection of poems is written by many authors and describes the peculiarities of wild and domestic animals.

**◆Dr. Suess's ABC's** by Dr.Suess

A rhyming alphabet that engages children.

## Recommended Authors:

\*Eric Carle, \*Leo Lionni, ◆Virginia Lee Burton, ◆Mother Goose, ◆Margaret Wise Brown, ◆Dr. Seuss,

◆Robert McCloskey, ◆Beatrix Potter, ◆H.A. Rey, \*Vera Williams, \*Mem Fox, \*Alike, \*Jack Prelutsky,

\*David McPhail, \*Charlotte Zolotow, Grace Lin, \*Tomie DePaola, \*Rosemary Wells, \*Jan Brett